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Dear Mr. Gibson:

This letter is in response to your November 4, 1999, letter sent to us regarding our Mid-Year Report (1/1/99-6/30/99).

We are aware of the pertinent federal law regarding both the administration of our building fund and the reporting of disbursements for operating and maintenance costs from our federal account. Accordingly and to clarify the response which I made on October 24 to your initial inquiry, our building fund is not used to pay any operating or maintenance costs of our headquarters. All of these expenses are itemized on the report about which you have inquired. The report includes, for example, payments for water and sewer, property taxes, utilities, as well as maintenance. All these expenses are listed on Schedule H4.

I trust that this response is adequate to clear up any misunderstanding on this issue. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely.

Luella Schmitt Assistant Treasurer

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